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said display device further comprising an absorbing element which absorbs light passed by said reflecting means.

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17. (Rewritten) A reflective display device comprising:

a light incident side and an opposite side, the display device comprising a diffusing liquid crystalline material,

a first substrate on the light incident side and a second substrate on the opposite side enclosing the liquid crystalline material, and

reflecting means between said first and second substrates which reflect light which is incident at an angle larger than a given angle of

incidence and pass light which is incident at an angle smaller than said given angle of incidence,

said display device further comprising an absorbing element which absorbs light passed by said reflecting means.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues

prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Claims 17-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over US 5,929,956. The present application is a continuation of US Application 09/154,019, filed September 16, 1998. US 5,929,956, which issued July 27, 1999, is not a 102(b) reference and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the

response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,

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